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# COLD CALLS CRACKDOWN

## People urged to be vigilant with scams on the increase

**COUNTY council chiefs are urging residents to be aware of cold callers in the build-up to Christmas after worrying figures over the last two months.**

Fifty-three complaints were made about doorstep traders in October while 48 have been received so far this month.

Both months are in stark contrast to just 24 complaints made in September.

Enforcement officers are putting the rise down to cold callers exploiting recent adverse weather conditions in an attempt to raise money for Christmas.

Scams that have been tried on the county's doorsteps have included roof work for loose tiles as a result of the recent windy weather and cheap carpet cleaning services.

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Oxfordshire County Council's Trading Standards Team's doorstep crime lead officer, Martin Woodley, says the doorstep traders "try to put the fear into people that urgent work is required".

"It's often the elderly and vulnerable who are targeted by doorstep conmen, and victims can feel pressured into taking on what is offered to them," Mr Woodley said.

"It can be the case that a price is quoted that turns out to be far less than the amount of money that is eventually demanded."

Trading Standards are asking people to report any concerns about cold-callers and promise to look into each and every complaint.

Mr Woodley added: "We need to hear about what is going on.

"Often doorstep conmen are callous, calculated and cunning and we are here to take necessary enforcement action to help protect the residents of Oxfordshire.

"One of our main messages is that people should not make spare of the moment decisions to take on work offered by a cold-caller.

"Our advice if you are not sure is to ask a member of the family, friend or neighbour to take a look at the problem that a cold-caller has said they have identified on their property and if it does indeed exist, obtain at least three quotes for the work so you are aware of what a good price should be."

Anybody wanting to report a problem can submit their concerns online or select option 2 after calling Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards on 08454 040506.

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# Do you have the artistic x-factor?

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*• Korky Paul is searching for the next generation of budding young artists*

**A CHILDREN'S book illustrator from Oxford has launched a nationwide search to find the next generation of budding young artists.**

Korky Paul, best known for illustrating the Winnie the Witch series, is looking for two young 'Sketching Stars, aged between five and 11.

The lucky winners will receive expert advice and guidance from Mr Paul at bespoke illustration workshops, available exclusively to them and their classmates.

Starting in December, the campaign will run in classrooms across the country, helping teachers facilitate learning through sketching.

Mr Paul, who has been illustrating picture books for almost 30 years, says there is no better way of processing ideas than picking up a pencil.

"Drawing is a wonderful way of viewing and thinking about the world with your hand, and of communicating your thoughts, ideas and stories," he said.

"Artistic talent is a rare gift and one that must be nurtured from a young age.

"I was lucky enough to discover that and have since managed to forge a successful career from illustrating.

"Now I'm hoping to encourage the talented artists and illustrators of the future to recognise their skill and understand its full potential.

"I can't wait to see the entries and look forward to unearthing the huge amount of talent in classrooms across the country."

The Zimbabwean-born illustrator has teamed up with the Sketching Stars initiative, led by Staedtler Teachers' Club UK, for the competition.

Its aim is to help primary school children to explore their creative side while moulding them into the next generation of artists and illustrators.

The competition is open to schools until February 4 next year.

To enter visit www.teacherclub.staedtler.co.uk.

# Doctors: Keep monitoring blood pressure

**ACCORDING to a new study, Oxford residents are reluctant to visit their GP to check their blood pressure.**

The report from HoMedics, manufacturers of at-home health and wellbeing devices, found that almost one in four have never visited a GP about their blood pressure.

This is despite 83 per cent saying they know high blood pressure can increase the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Cardiologist, Dr Rachael James said: "Blood pressure is an indicator of overall health so it's extremely important to monitor it regularly.

"High blood pressure means that your heart must pump harder and when untreated it puts a strain on the heart and major arteries.

"The only way of knowing if you have a problem is to have your blood pressure measured."

The report also reveals that the age group least likely to get their blood pressure checked is 18-34-year-olds.

Men were also nearly twice as likely not to get checked compared to women with 63 per cent admitting they do not worry about their blood pressure despite knowing it is important.

# Suspended jail term for £9,000 fraud woman

**A WOMAN from Oxford has been handed a suspended 12 week sentence after dishonestly claiming over £9,000 in benefits.**

Penny Smith, aged 46, of Pike Terrace, pleaded guilty to dishonestly obtaining a total of £9,075.33 of Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Income Support between July 2011 and February 2013.

She was sentenced to 12 weeks custody suspended for 12 months, ordered to obey a three month curfew between the hours of 6pm and 6am and to pay £350 costs.

Oxford Magistrates Court heard Smith failed to notify a change in circumstance to Oxford City Council when her partner moved in with her.

The 46-year-old also continued to claim Housing and Council Tax Benefit from July 2011 to February this year.

She also made a false representation in March 2012 to the Department for Work and Pensions by failing to declare that her partner was living with her and continued to claim Income Support, making the same claim two months later.

Smith will have to pay back the overpaid benefit to both Oxford City Council and the Department for Work and Pensions.

# Oxford Arctic 30 protestor released

**AN OXFORD man became the 29th member of the Arctic 30 to be freed from a Russian prison earlier this week.**

Phil Ball was released from detention in St Petersburg on Monday with only Australian Colin Russell remaining behind bars as the Journal went to print.

Twenty-eight Greenpeace activists and two journalists were held in prison after their part in a peaceful protest at an Arctic oil platform in September.

They were demanding that Shell pull out from their planned joint venture of Arctic drilling with Russian company Gazprom.

Last week the Journal reported how Greenpeace protestors held a quiet vigil outside the Shell petrol station on London Road, Oxford, organised by Phil's brother Steve.

Over 100 turn out for Shell protests

The latter said of his brother's release: "It's absolutely brilliant news.

"After two months in jail he could have done without another weekend behind bars, but it's a great relief to know he's finally out and able to talk to his friends and colleagues."

However, Arctic campaigner Ben Ayliffe at Greenpeace International added: "This is not over yet and none of us will be truly happy until all of the Arctic 30 have been released from detention and the charges against them dropped."

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# Charity night to combat sexual abuse and rape

**TWO Summertown businesses are set to join forces this evening in an attempt to raise vital funds for a local women's charity.**

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Cannelle Beauty on Oakthorpe Road and Cara on Banbury Road are raising money for Oxford Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre (OSARCC) by holding an evening fusion of beauty and fashion.

Guests will be offered complimentary manicures, make up and personal stylist expertise in order to raise much needed funds for the volunteer-led organisation, which offers specialist services for women and girls who have experienced any form of sexual violence.

France Baudet, owner of Cannelle, said: "Christmas is an important time of year for all the small businesses in Summertown in terms of turnover.

"But we should recognise that whilst everyone races about buying presents, clothes and getting ready for Christmas parties many women are suffering in silence because of dreadful experiences of sexual and domestic abuse.

"We feel that we should use the Christmas shopping enthusiasm to raise money for this very important charity."

Other Summertown businesses are doing their bit as Lebanese delicatessen 'LBs' has offered a tray of sweet treats, Gatineau Patisseries will be providing petits fours and the Oxford Wine Cafe are donating a crate of wine.

Natalie Brook, service manager for OSARCC, added: "We are so pleased that these two businesses, whose clients are primarily female, have chosen to highlight our charity which aims to help women and girls suffering move on from devastating experiences of sexual violence.

"As a small charity we are fighting for funds all the time and when local businesses come together to help like this it really does keep our services going."

A grand prize draw will be held at tonight's event with a £400 hamper full of skincare products, treatment and gift vouchers and accessories on offer.

Tickets are on sale for £5 at both businesses.

The event takes place at 5.30pm at the Cara premises.

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# Minister opens new solar tech facilities

**ENERGY and Climate Change Minister Greg Barker MP visited Oxford Photovoltaics' headquarters to launch new facilities at the site earlier this week.**

The company, based at Begbroke Science Park, has unveiled new fabrication and test facilities, including a fully equipped cleanroom for cutting edge solar technology.

On his visit to the technology business, which is a spin out from Oxford University, Mr Barker MP was told how the firm's energy-generating coating for glass will be integrated into buildings, enabling them to generate electricity.

Mr Barker MP said: "Solar PV has an important part to play in our energy mix so it's great to see British businesses rising to the challenge and showcasing what Britain has to offer.

"Oxford Photovoltaics' new research and testing facility is putting the UK at the forefront of the international market for solar, providing state of the art resources to test a pioneering approach to harnessing the power of the sun and putting us in pole position to compete in the global race for jobs and growth."

Kevin Arthur, Oxford PV's founder and CEO, added: "We have grown rapidly over the last two years, from an employee count of just one to our current level of fourteen staff.

"Our new lab and testing area will support our further growth and we expect to add another 10 employees in 2014.

"Our facilities are fully equipped and entirely self-contained, dedicated to the research and production of our solar technology."

• *(From left to right) Kevin Arthur, Nicola Blackwood MP, Greg Barker MP and Dr Henry Snaith, chief scientific officer at Oxford PV, at Begbroke Science Park*

## News Bites

### Woman in court

A 57-year-old woman from Peat Moors will appear at Croydon Crown Court on December 4, charged with the attempted importation of cannabis.

Border force officers at Gatwick Airport stopped her on November 19 after she had arrived on a flight from Kingston, Jamaica.

Officers searched luggage and discovered taped packages of approximately 20kilos of cannabis, with an estimated street value of £60,000, in a suitcase.

### Recycling news

ALL of Oxfordshire County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres will close early during the festive period.

Centres will shut at 3pm on December 24 and 31 and will be closed all day on December 25, 26 and January 1.

On all other days the centres will be open as usual between 8am and 5pm.

For more information on opening times, locations, and materials accepted for recycling you can visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste.

Alternatively call 08450 50 45 50.

### Rape charge

A 26-year-old man has been charged in relation to raping a woman in Cowley Road in December 2011.

He was arrested on November 23 and was charged with one count of rape a day later.

He appeared at Oxford Magistrates Court on Monday.

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# City lights up with Christmas cheer

• *Oxford's Christmas lights festival*

**THE countdown to Christmas has begun and the city was certainly in the festive spirit last weekend.**

Oxford's Christmas Light Festival attracted thousands to the city across, what turned out to be, a three-day extravaganza.

Last Friday evening celebrated the return of the Light Night Lantern Parade as 500 children and young people illuminated the streets with handmade lanterns.

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There was also music as some of the county's most talented musicians and dancers performed on the St Giles stage.

A day later, there was various free arts activities and events at venues such as Oxford Castle, Pitt Rivers Museum and The North Wall Arts Centre.

Last Sunday was marked as a Day of Song with choirs performing on the St Giles stage and at other locations across the city.

Oxford United players James Constable, Johnny Mullins and Scott Davies joined the Christmas Choir to mark the end of the weekend while there was plenty of hot food, drink and unique gifts on offer at the city's market.

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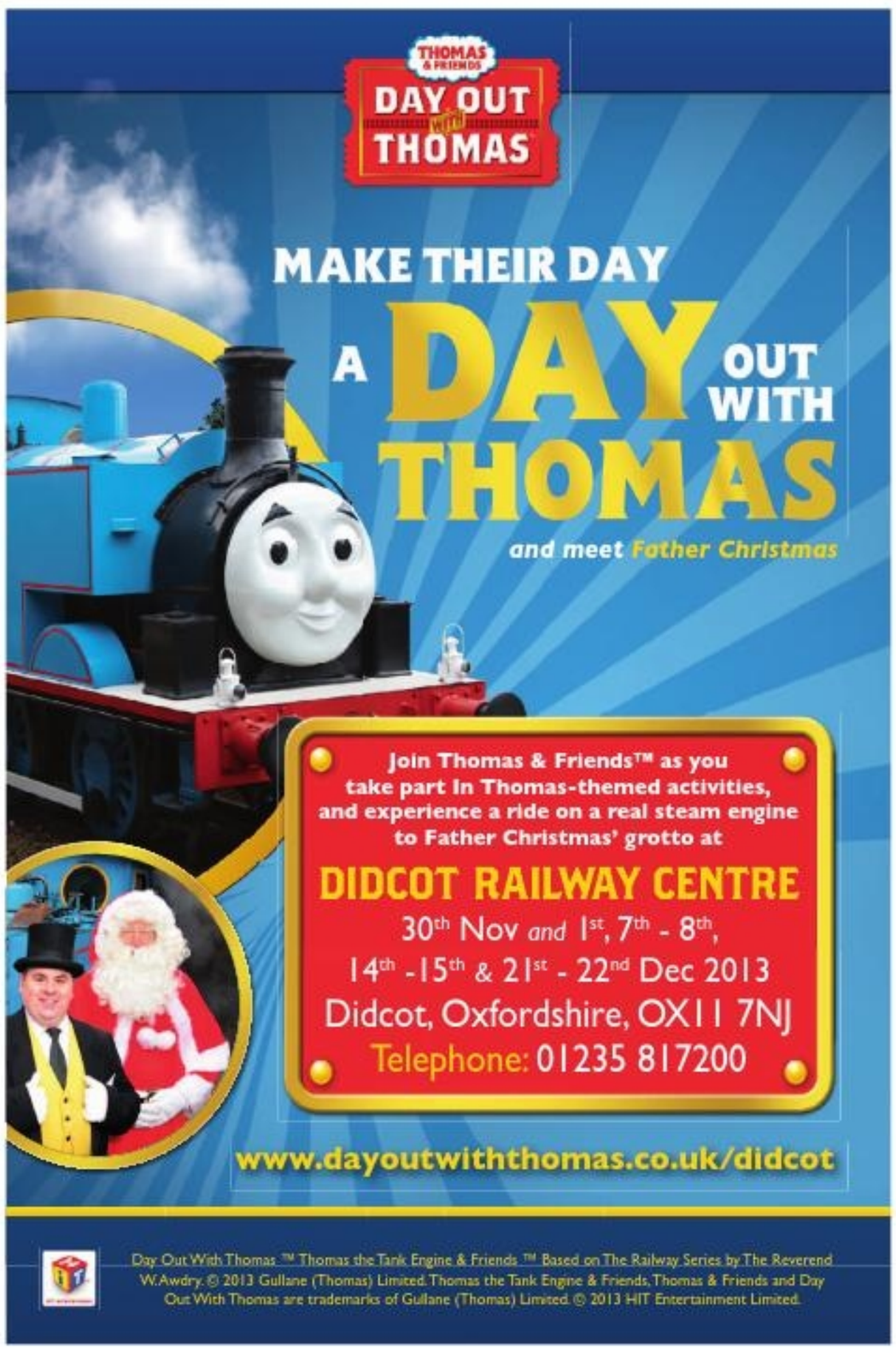
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## News Bites

### Drug conviction

A 22-year-old man from Oxford has been found guilty of possession of crack cocaine with intent to supply.

Theodore Tyrell, of Barns Road, Oxford, had in his possession a total of 4.60g of crack cocaine, valued at around £380, along with £475 in cash.

Tyrell's defence was that the drugs had been planted on him by police officers, but his claim was dismissed by the jury.

He will be sentenced on December 19.

### Tree-mendous

TREE planting events are taking place tomorrow and Saturday to celebrate National Tree Week.

Events are taking place in Cutteslowe Park tomorrow between 2pm and 4pm with Low Carbon Oxford North and Cutteslowe Primary School.

On Saturday, Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon will be at Rose Hill Recreation Ground from 11am until 2pm.

### Wonderland

CHRISTMAS is coming early in Barton.

The Barton Christmas Wonderland is taking place on December 8 between 5pm and 8pm at the neighbourhood centre.

There will be an Aladdin pantomime, activities and games, Christmas tombola and raffle.

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# Students' £20k aim to combat malaria

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**A STUDENT group has joined forces with societies and clubs from Oxford University in a mission to raise more than £20,000 for charity.**

The Oxford committee of Giving What We Can, an international society dedicated to eliminating poverty in the developing world, have raised £6,000 so far for Against Malaria Foundation (AMF).

The campaign is set to run until the end of term and any donations made will be matched by the committee.

Giving What We Can: Oxford has enough funding to match donations up to £10,000, and raising £20,000 in total would be enough to buy over 10,000 malaria nets.

Other societies contributing to the campaign are The Oxford Guild, CapitOx, St John's College Boat Club, Magdalen Film Society, Wadham Students Union, Oxford University Labour Club, The Oxford Student and Oxford Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society.

*• (From left to right) Giving What We Can: Oxford members Thomas Ough, Jen Brennan, Chloe Kane, Carolina Flores, Ed Higson, Josh Goldenberg, Max Dalton and Fran Day*

Max Dalton, vice-president of Giving What We Can: Oxford, who studies Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Balliol College, said Against Malaria Foundation was chosen by students as the charity because "it is one of the most effective in the world".

He added: "They can deliver a malaria net for just £2.

"That means that if anybody donates just £1 that will save two people from Malaria for three years.

"We chose the Against Malaria Foundation because that charity in particular has a massive impact."

Mr Dalton donates 10 per cent of his income from part-time work at Balliol College to charity and he added: "I have been doing this for the past year and it has made my life feel more worth while.

"Giving What We Can recommends to its members that they give 10 per cent of their income to charity and that can have really big impacts especially if you are giving to really effective charities without significantly altering your lifestyle."

Warwick's committee of Giving What We Can ran a similar campaign last year and raised £22,000 for AMF, a total the Oxford committee would like to beat.

# Project will 'boost job and life prospects'

**ONE of nine new community groups to be created across the UK is to be based in Oxford.**

National charity The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) have been granted over half a million pounds worth of funding from People's Health Trust to run nine projects in some of the most disadvantaged areas in the country.

The aim of the projects is to tackle health inequalities, improve community involvement and provide participants with new skills that will improve their job and life prospects.

Using already established TCV centres such as the Community Groups project hubs, each group will organise for its members to take part in a range of activities throughout the year, from food growing to community space management and garden creation.

In addition to outdoor activities, Community Groups will also organise social events for its members and provide individual personal development opportunities.

Julie Hopes, chief executive of The Conservation Volunteers, said: "This will enable us to transform people's lives by improving their well-being.

"We are really looking forward to implementing the various Community Group projects and working closely with local people to improve their health and opportunities."


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# 'Waiting for months to hear this news'

**OXFORD University Hospitals NHS Trust has been named as a provider of a specialist form of radiotherapy used in the treatment of liver cancer.**

The Churchill Hospital in Headington is one of 10 cancer centres to be named as a provider of Selective Internal Radiotherapy (SIRT) by NHS England.

Last week's announcement is a new £4.8million nationwide initiative.

It is aimed at increasing access to specialist radiotherapy services as part of a programme called 'Commissioning through Evaluation'.

SIRT, a specialist form of radiotheraphy used in the treatment of cancerous tumours in the liver, is the first treatment to be evaluated in the national programme.

Dr Ricky Sharma, consultant oncologist at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, says he is pleased to hear the latest news.

By **Jack Johnson**
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"On behalf of our patients who have been waiting for several difficult months for this news, we are delighted by this announcement," Dr Sharma said.

"The list of centres published today means that we can offer SIRT to a large number of eligible patients.

"Some of these patients currently have no other treatment options available."

The Churchill Hospital is one of the busiest centres in England for SIRT therapy.

Since 2008, Dr Sharma's team of clinicians and scientists have been offering this treatment to patients with primary liver cancer or cancer that has spread to the liver from other organs.

Commissioning through evaluation will enable SIRT to be funded within defined parameters, within an explicit evaluation programme.

It is anticipated that the programme will be funded for up to three years before all the results are analysed.

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## Record rail investment in region

**NETWORK Rail has announced record investment in the Thames Valley over the past six months.**

The Great Western main line from London to the west of England which includes Oxford, saw £342m worth of investment, equal to almost £2m a day, between April 1 and October 31.

It includes preparatory work for the electrification of 235 miles of railway line between London, Oxford, Newbury, Bristol and Cardiff.

Work has also begun to re-establish strategic rail links between Oxford and Bedford as part of the £500m East West Rail programme.

Patrick Hallgate, route managing director at Network Rail, said: "The railway in the Thames Valley and beyond continues to experience tremendous growth.

"We are responding to that demand through the biggest sustained investment programme since Victorian times.

"With a million more trains and half a billion more passengers than 10 years ago, Britain's railways are all but full.

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### Best medicine

AN EXHIBITION telling the story of Oxford's place in the history of medicine is being shown at the Bodleian Library until next May.

Open since last Friday, the exhibition entitled 'Great Medical Discoveries' looks into 800 years of history.

It will also showcase discoveries that have had a worldwide impact on science.

It features original manuscripts including prescriptions, letters and lab notes alongside rare books and artefacts.

The exhibition traces the role of Oxford scientists, which include the first description of a cell in Hooke's Micrographia in the 17th century to Dorothy Hodgkin's proof of the molecular structure of penicillin during the Second World War.

Taking place in the Exhibition Room at the Bodleian Library, admission is free and is open Monday to Friday (9am-5pm), Saturday (9am-4.30pm) and Sunday (11am-5pm).

### Trees replaced

HORSE chestnut trees in Cutteslowe Park that have been infected by a deadly disease will be replaced.

A total of 69 trees have been affected by a bacteria called Pseudomonas syringae pathovar aesculi.

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## Five-star Kiwis

**NEW Zealand five-piece group The Naked and Famous return to Europe for the first time since 2011, and perform at Oxford's O2 Academy on Saturday night.**

They released their debut album 'Passive Me Aggressive You' around that time, and are currently working on their second album as they embark on a 23-city tour this winter.

Doors open at 6pm, and tickets cost £15. To book, go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or call 0844 477 2000.

## Jim Dvorak

**AMERICAN trumpeter Jim Dvorak joins up with Harrison Smith and OxJaMS trio George Haslam, Richard Leigh Harris and Steve Kershaw for a new show at the Old Fire Station tomorrow evening.**

Jim has been on the UK and international jazz improvisation scene for over four decades, and began his longstanding association with Harrison back in 1983. Go to www.oldfirestation.org.uk for more information.

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## Robin Hood

**PANTOMIME season has arrived, and Robin Hood makes its debut production at the Oxford Playhouse from tomorrow, running all the way through to January.**

Robin and his Merry Men battle the evil Sheriff of Nottingham in the classic tale, with a number of sing-along tunes, slapstick and dancing to entertain the whole family.

For a full list of dates, times and ticket information, go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com or call 01865 305305.

## Kathryn Tickell

**KATHRYN Tickell, one of the UK's most celebrated folk artists, performs songs from her 25-year career at the North Wall Arts Centre this evening.**

She has released 14 albums and made three BBC Proms performances and has teamed up with a group of other performers for her latest project. Tickets are £16.50.

# 5ive's big reunion night

**FOLLOWING their reunion last year, boy band 5ive make their first visit to Oxford next Thursday, as they perform all the hits from their illustrious career.**

By **Adam Flinn**
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The group enjoyed huge success in the late nineties and early 2000s, with songs including 'Keep on Movin', 'Let's Dance' and 'Everybody Get Up'.

Abz Love, Ritchie Neville, Scott Robinson and Sean Conlon return for the new tour, following on from the four taking part in the ITV2 documentary The Big Reunion that was shown at the start of this year.

"Something feels slightly different about this than even the Big Reunion tour," said Sean. "Because it's our own show, we're putting a lot more behind it.

"The set's looking really good, we've really got the best musicians and we can tweak it how we want to tweak it, whereas with The Big Reunion we had to work around their schedule.

"We've been away for a long time, we're well aware of it, and we just feel really privileged to be doing the show."

5ive released three albums during the first stage of their career between 1997 and 2001, picking up three number one singles and selling an estimated 15 and 20 million records worldwide.

They briefly reformed in 2006 and recorded material for what would have been their fourth studio album, but failed to get a lucrative record deal and disbanded again the following year.

"The first time around, the band was still young and it was a bit overwhelming," Sean added. "It was hard to embrace the good times.

"We've taken a step away, and then for me personally, I was able to find who Sean Conlon is as opposed to Sean from 5ive, and lead a bit more of a balanced life."

Next week's show starts at 7pm, and tickets start from £32.40.

For booking information, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or phone 0844 871 3020.

• *Scott, Sean, Abz and Ritchie perform in Oxford for the first time next Thursday*


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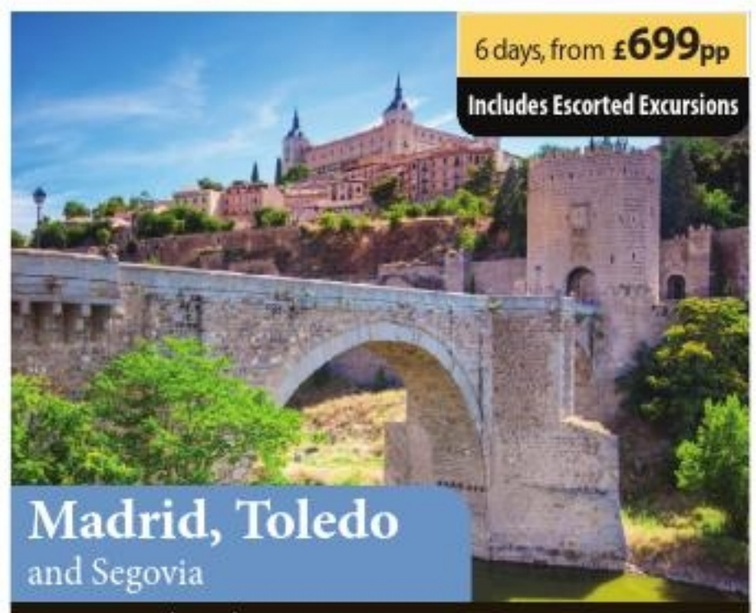


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# Blair truly a music man

By **Adam Flinn**

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**GUITARIST and vocalist Blair Dunlop comes to Wallingford on Sunday, following the release of his debut album 'Blight and Blossom' earlier in the year.**

Blair is the son of Fairport Convention and Albion Band founder Ashley Hutchings, and he recently took over the running of the latter from his father.

But he comes to Wallingford's Corn Exchange in his trio format, alongside Angharad Jenkins on fiddle and Jacob Stoney on keyboard.

He said: "The show will have songs from the debut album and some of the new stuff before the second album comes out; a mix of all the stuff really.

"We're in the middle of doing the second album, and it's pretty fun. I'm really looking forward to it coming out and I'm looking forward to hearing it myself because it's midway through recording."

• *Blair Dunlop returns to Wallingford after previously playing at BunkFest*

Blair was brought up around music, with his dad's work in the English folk scene, and also through his mother Judy Dunlop, a renowned folk singer in her own right.

"I suppose the biggest influence for me is purely being around music, no matter what genre it is," Blair said.

"Everyone is influenced by a mash of stuff and I'm definitely influenced by English folk music, but I suppose because I listen to all kinds of things, the biggest influence is being around it."

'Blight and Blossom' was released to critical acclaim, and contributed to him winning the Horizon Award at the 2013 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

He added: "I'm off to Australia in the New Year with the new record and off the back of the first one, so that's quite nice!"

The show starts at 7.45pm, and tickets cost £12. For booking details, go to www.cornexchange.org.uk or phone 01491 825000.

## Maff Brown

**COMEDY writer Maff Brown is the headline act at the Chipping Norton Theatre this evening, as part of the Cotswold Comedy Club's regular series of events.**

He regularly writes for Mock the Week and previously for Shooting Stars, and tours internationally with his upbeat and honest comedy. He is joined on stage by James Alderson and Tez Ilyas.

All tickets cost £12 for a 7.45pm start. Go to www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk or call 01608 642350 to book.

## Messy Jam

**STREET dance specialists Messy Jam present their Christmas show at the Pegasus Theatre in Oxford on Saturday.**

Their diverse show is set to be fun-filled, dynamic and full of surprises. For more information about Saturday's two performances, go to www.pegasustheatre.org.uk.

## Night at ballet

**VIENNA Festival Ballet bring their renowned choreography to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Wednesday, with their production of Snow White.**

Based on the traditional Grimm's Brothers story, the ballet incorporates the enchanted mirror, beautiful girl, shiny red apple and Prince Charming into the performance.

Tickets cost £19.50, with shows taking place at 4.45pm and 7.30pm. To book, go to www.themillartscentre.co.uk or call 01295 297002.

## Xmas cushion

**A Christmas Cushion Concert introducing youngsters to classical instruments takes place at the Didcot Cornerstone on Sunday.**

A mix of music is performed for young children, and gives them and their parents the excuse to have a dance as well.

It starts at 2pm, and tickets cost £8. For more information, go to www.cornerstone-arts.org or phone 01235 515144.

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# Eighties night in Oxford

By **Adam Flinn**

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**EIGHTIES legends Go West, Hue and Cry and The Christians celebrate their illustrious careers at the New Theatre on Sunday evening, with each playing a selection of their classic hits.**

All three have joined forces for the first time ever, and promise three unique shows during the course of the evening.

Merseyside stars The Christians are back with a new line-up, with hits including 'Harvest for the World', 'Forgotten Town' and 'Ideal World'.

Lead singer Garry Christian said: "This is something new for us as we've never actually been on stage with any other group, so it's kind of a three-header in a way.

"It's three separate shows, so we're just going to treat it like a mini festival in a way.

"I think it was Go West's manager who said 'wouldn't it be a great idea to do a tour with Hue and Cry and us. We were really happy about that, we weren't doing anything else before Christmas, so great.

"Hopefully people won't have just come out to see Go West and Hue and Cry, but some of the audience have come to see us as well!"

Garry is the only member remaining from the original line-up, and is now joined by Mike Triggs, Lionel Duke, Neil Griffiths, Joey Ankrah and Cliff Watson.

"Originally there was only three of us, then there was two and then there was one, which is me," said Garry.

"The musicians around us back in the day we're friends from Liverpool, who were great friends but not that great musical-wise, so we just went out there and had a laugh.

"Now I've got serious musicians around me who can also sing, and it's just a great band."

Sunday's show starts at 7.30pm, and tickets start from £28.40. For more information and to book, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or phone 0844 871 3020.

• *Garry Christian and band come to Oxford on Sunday*

## A Betrayal...

**CLASSIC theatre comes to the Didcot Cornerstone on Saturday, as Harold Pinter's Betrayal tells the story of Emma, who has been cheating on her husband for the last seven years.**

It focuses on all types of betrayal and includes Pinter's trademark economical dialogue, as he skilfully draws out the character's self absorption and deceptions.

Tickets cost £14.50, and the show starts at 7.30pm. For more details, phone 01235 515144 or go to www.cornerstone-arts.org.

## Black stars

**THIN Lizzy alumni Ricky Warwick and Scott Gorham return with the Black Star Riders, coming to Oxford's O2 Academy on Monday.**

As well as a few Thin Lizzy classics, the group come to Oxford in support of their debut album 'All Hell Breaks Loose'. Go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk to book.

## Gyles Brandreth

**GYLES Brandreth presents his unique one-man show at the Chipping Norton Theatre on Monday, as he sets out to find the secret of how to be happy.**

The former politician has made a number of TV and radio appearances in recent years as a regular on Just A Minute, a reporter for the One Show and as a guest in dictionary corner on Countdown.

The show starts at 7.45pm, and tickets cost £16.

Go to www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk or call 01608 642350 for more information.

## Karine Polwart

**BBC2 Folk Awards nominee Karine Polwart comes to the St John the Evangelist Church in Oxford tomorrow night, following the release of her new album 'Traces'.**

She is touring with her brother Steven and Fair Islander Inge Thomson, and will be playing a range of songs from the new album and some live favourites.

It starts at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £15 in advance.

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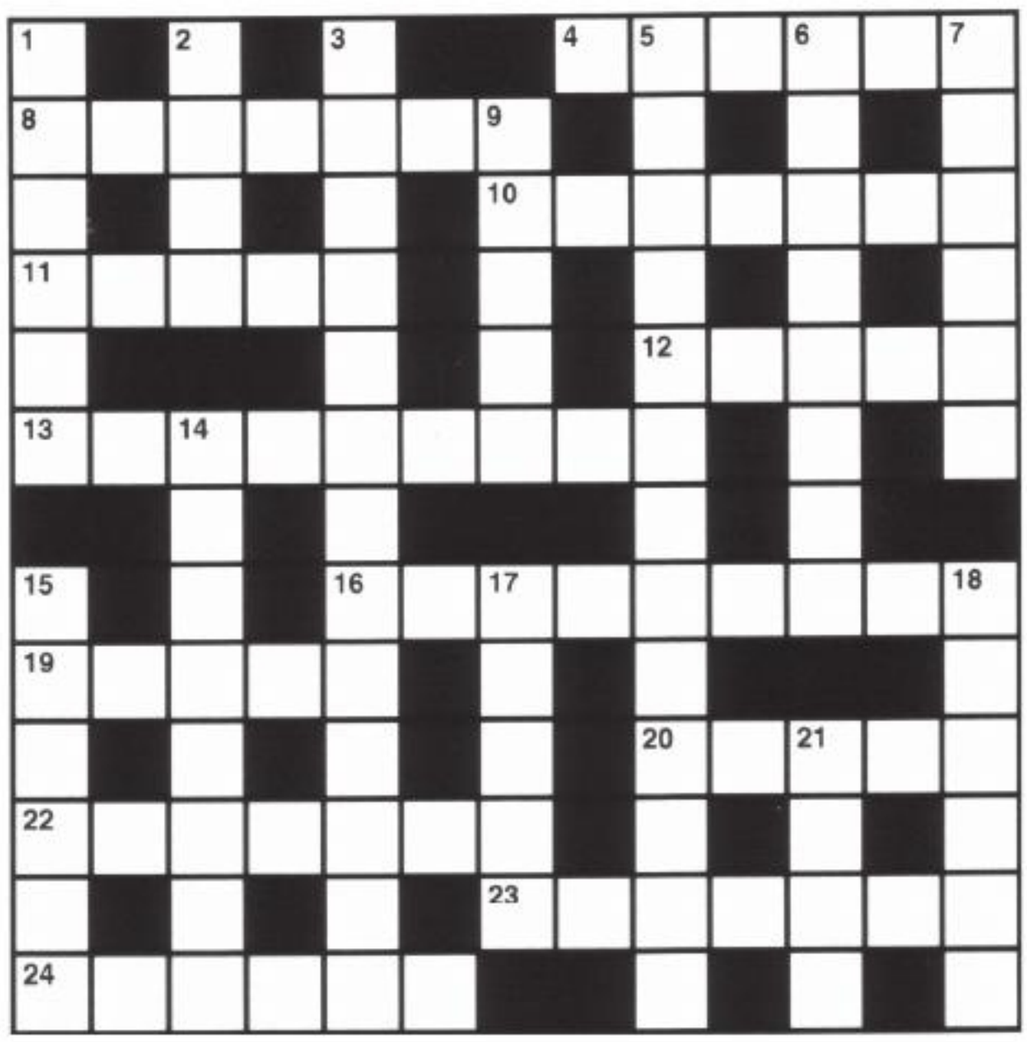
## Two speed crossword

**Quick Clues Across**
4 Reddishbrown (6)
8 Everlasting (7)
10 Firedog (7)
11 Unit of weight (5)
12 Wash lightly (5)
13 Savage (9)
16 Disparaged (9)
19 Digit (5)
20 Reverie (5)
22 Dignify (7)
23 Alighting (7)
24 Unforeseen (6)

**Quick Clues Down**
1 Begin a journey (3,3)
2 Edible seed (4)
3 Beyond description (13)
5 Mutual agreement (13)
6 Toughness (8)
7 Made taut (6)
9 Slow stately musical passage (5)
14 Sent back (8)
15 Greek city (6)
17 Discussion group (5)
18 Injury (6)
21 Narrative poem (4)

**Cryptic Clues Across**
4 Cheats at cards? (6)
8 But strong drink on Saturday and Sunday? (4,3)
10 All tear sideways (7)
11 Understand the subject on hand (5)
12 Where one cannot expect a warm welcome? (5)
13 A tailor's right to be upset about men's clothes (9)
16 An April display presumably (5,4)
19 The battleground is some land round the north (5)
20 One needs drive to make a go of it (5)
22 Last in bed got blown up (7)
23 Hang it! (7)
24 Songbirds? (6)

**Cryptic Clues Down**
1 Are they eaten by vegetarian cannibals? (6)
2 The way to embark (4)
3 Obviously he must be trained for the job (76)
5 Pharmacist who could have helped the three blind mice (6,7)
6 Sing joyfully in a US state (8)
7 Quickly surround gangster in the bar (6)
9 Heard in the alley by way of an excuse (5)
14 She upsets me in beads (8)
15 It sounds a risky caper (6)
17 Suitable instrument for playing watermusic (5)
18 A long speech read it out (6)
21 Came equal? Bound to! (4)

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**Quick Crossword**
Across: 1 Caustic 1 Recur 8 Ache 9 Dumbbell, 10 Horse chestnut 13 Gnat 14 Ever 17 Interrogation 19 Eyesight 20 Exit 21 Tests 22 Schemer
Down: 2 Anchor 3 Stepson 4 Indicator 5 Robes 6 Cleaner 7 Related11 Energetic 12 Trident 13 Gathers 15 Extreme 16 Polite 18 Ruins

**Cryptic Crossword**
Across: 1 Refrain 5 Casts 8 Trip 9 Envisage 10 Proliferating 13 Herb 14 Urge 17 Feather duster 19 Rehearse 20 Upas 21 Surge 22 Adverse
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REVIEW: SANDERO STEPWAY

By **Philip Shoulder**

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RENAULT'S subsidiary budget brand Dacia has been making waves this year, with the Duster 4x4 and Sandero supermini.

Dacia is the fastest growing automotive brand in Europe, selling 11,000 orders to date. The latest addition - the Sandero Stepway crossover - offers SUV style motoring from £7,995. With a 40mm increase in ride height over the Sandero, the Stepway gets a more rugged "go-anywhere" look, being kitted out with a front end and special body features, including front and rear skid plates, fog lamps, two-tone bumper, pronounced wheel arches, 16-inch Flexwheels rims, two-tone longitudinal roof bars, and exclusive Azurite blue paint. Powering the Stepway are two engines: a 0.9-litre TCe 90 petrol and 1.5 dCi 90 diesel.

The Sandero Stepway comes in two trim flavours; entry level Ambiance and more expensive Laureate. Standard kit on the Ambiance includes: daytime running lights, heated rear windscreen, a 12v socket, a CD radio, auxiliary connection, Bluetooth, USB input and electric front windows. Safety isn't scrimped on either, with front and side airbags, anti-lock brakes incorporating emergency brake assist, stability control, and ISOFIX child seat fixing points.

Once inside, you're treated with a spacious and airy cabin - although the 320-litre boot is rather shallow.

Admittedly it doesn't have the polished tactile feel of more expensive cars in this class, but the overall design is quite pleasant. The seats are comfortable enough, although there's no driver's side height adjustment. Larger drivers may also find the footwell a bit cramped, but at least there's somewhere to rest your left leg. Falling into the two-wheel drive crossover class, the Stepway does without clever traction control systems that you get on the considerably more expensive Fiat Panda Trekking and Peugeot 2008, but you do get mud and snow tyres.

At parking speeds the steering is usefully light, and combined with soft suspension means the Stepway can feel 'floaty' on faster A and B roads, although grip levels are surprisingly good.

Gear ratios are well-chosen and make the most of the relatively modest 89 bhp output, allowing the Stepway to gather pace well and cruise comfortably, despite the 1.5 litre diesel's gruffness. Stopping isn't a problem either, as the brakes are strong and positive.

Verdict:

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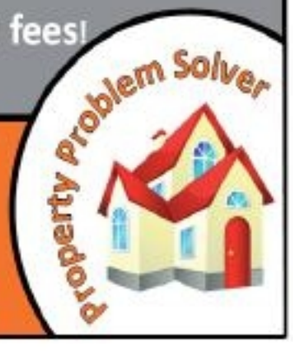




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# U'S FRUSTRATED BY BATTLING NEWPORT

## U's still top on goal difference after being held to goalless draw

**OXFORD United maintained their status as League Two leaders on Tuesday night despite a frustrating goalless draw at home to Newport County.**

Chris Wilder's men have taken 33 points from 18 games so far this season and a superior goal difference keeps them above second-placed Chesterfield ahead of this weekend's fixtures.

However, United could have gone two points clear at the top had they converted two gilt-edged chances inside the first 10 minutes.

Danny Rose's freekick ricocheted off the shins of James Constable and fell into the path of Michael Raynes but the defender put the ball wide from six yards.

Just a minute later, Ryan Williams forced a mistake from Adedeji Oshilaja and Constable was through on goal but the striker stumbled as he entered the penalty area and Lenny Pidgeley easily saved.

Newport went close with five minutes remaining as Christian Jolley's effort skimmed the top of the bar.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Wilder said: "You need to score when the chances appear. It was a frustrating night for us and a stop-start game.

"We tried, we competed, but we couldn't really get flowing.

"But we had to be careful because they chucked a lot of long throws into our box.

"We were just lacking a touch of quality going forward. It was a difficult night for our front players because we could never get any momentum."

The U's boss was left frustrated with referee Darren Sheldrake's management of the game.

"He must be tired after the amount of puff he has had to blow into that whistle because it was just continuous," Wilder said.

"The referee is here to manage the game for the players, for the staff and most importantly the supporters and I don't think he did that very well."

This Saturday United travel to fifth-placed Fleetwood Town.

• *James Constable is unhappy with former team-mate Harry Worley after Ryan Williams was scythed down by the ex-U's defender (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

### No promotion talk yet - boss

**LONDON Welsh head coach Justin Burnell says promotion could not be further from his mind after the Exiles beat Moseley 24-8 in the Green King IPA Championship.**

Seb Stegmann crossed twice and Carl Kirwan also went over as the Exiles made it nine wins in a row, extending their lead at the top by nine points.

However, Burnell would not be drawn on the topic of promotion at such an early stage in the season.

"That's not even on our mind at the moment," he said.

"It's about maintaining our status in the top four of the league and hopefully getting into the play-offs. Then let's see what happens."

Next up for Welsh is a trip to 10th placed Bedford Blues this Saturday.

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## Another defeat for City

**OXFORD City's woes in the Skrill North continued last weekend as they suffered a 2-0 defeat to Guiseley.**

Alex Johnson's first-half brace condemned Mike Ford's men to their seventh defeat of the season, leaving City 18th in the league table, just two points above bottom side Gloucester City.

Last Saturday Gavin Rothery shot wide early on and after a quarter of an hour it was 1-0 as Johnson headed home Wayne Brooksby's cross.

Kayden Jackson headed wide as City searched for an equaliser before Mike Pook's blistering volley rebounded off the unprepared keeper and bounced to safety.

However, Johnson made it 2-0 on 25 minutes, ultimately putting the game to bed, while City stopper Victor Francoz pulled off two impressive saves in the second half to prevent Guiseley adding to their tally.

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